Suspension of World Bank Aid to NRHM

2971. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has announced the suspension of aid to various Government run projects like Reproductive and Child Health under the aegis of National Rural Health Mission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the World Bank and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILYWELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the above (a).

(c) The Reproductive and Child Health-I Project, which is a component of National Rural Health Mission, was negotiated with the World Bank in April/May, 2005. However, this project has not been submitted to the World Bank Board for approval because during the review of the World Bank funded RCH-I project which closed on 30.09.2004, the department of Institutional Integrity (INT) of World Bank had found some irregularities in procurement. Thereafter the Government of India and the World Bank are in constant dialogue to agree on an action plan that will strengthen the procurement systems and ensure greater transparency.

Anarchy and conflict in AIIMS

†2972. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi is suffering from internal conflict and anarchy as a result of which not only the internal atmosphere is deteriorating but also the good doctors are leaving the institute;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Dr. VS. Mehta had written a letter to him and apprised of the whole scenario; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.